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1972 ANNUAL WARRANT

with Report and Recommendations of the Warrant Committee

TOWN OF SHARON

MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN ELECTION

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1972

8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

(PLEASE NOTE ARTICLE 1 AND RECOMMENDATION)

OPEN WARRANT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1972

8:00 P.M.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL ARTICLES AND BUDGETS

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1972

8:00 P.M.

ELECTION AND MEETINGS AT HIGH SCHOOL, POND ST.

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO MEETINGS

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TAX RATE ESTIMATE

The tax rate for 1972 is estimated to be $44.00 per thousand dollars of valuation. This estimate assumes Town Meeting approval of Article 5, the Town Operating Budget, as printed on pages35to40and action on other money Articles including Article 4 to the extent known at this time as recommended on the following pages. Each increase or decrease of $120,000 from these recommendations will correspondingly increase or decrease the tax rate by $1.00. A detailed computation of the tax rate will be found on page 47.

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

NORFOLK, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Sharon, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the High School Gymnasium on Pond Street in said Sharon, on Monday, the Sixth day of March A.D. 1972, at 8:00 a.m., and there to act on the following articles:

NOTE: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE ARE PRINTED BELOW EACH ARTICLE IN DARKER TYPE.

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers as by law are required to be elected by ballot, and on the ballot prepared by the Town Clerk; to wit: Moderator, One Year Term; One Member of the Board of Selectmen, Three Year Term; One Member of the Board of Assessors, Three Year Term; Two Members of the School Committee, Three Year Terms; Two Trustees of the Public Library, Three Year Terms; One Member of the Planning Board, Five Year Term; One Member of the Housing Authority, One Year Term; and to determine any questions as by law are required to be determined by ballot; to wit:

Question 1. "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the operation, holding or conducting of a game commonly called beano?

Yes	
No	

We recommend a Yes vote authorizing the Selectmen to approve Beano licenses.

We express no view on the morality of groups using games of chance for charitable, religious or educational purposes, but we recognize that as a matter of fact, they do so.

We feel that it is in the town's interest to have the game run under rigid safeguards and subject to taxes, as provided under the enabling act.

The following Articles will be acted on at the business session of this meeting, to be held by adjournment on the Second Monday in March at 8:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium on Pond Street.

REPORT OF THE WARRANT COMMITTEE

On September 28, 1971 the Board of Selectmen sent a letter to all departments heads setting the tone for 1972 budget requests. In this letter they asked that all budgets be submitted with the following guidelines in mind:

1. Salaries and wages are to follow the schedules in the Personnel Compensation By-Law now in effect; that is, step increases should be allowed

2. Other expenses, in total, are not to exceed the total amount appropriated for 1971 for the non-salary accounts.

The Warrant Committee applauded this decision because this policy followed the federal economic guidelines. Phase 2 of the guidelines emerged in November, 1971 and modified the decision of the Selectmen. As a general procedure, wages can rise up to 5.5% and costs up to 2.5%. If special circumstances exist, requests to the Internal Revenue Service may be approved to depart from these guidelines. The Warrant Committee reviewed all budgets with its usual detailed attention to items, but with the Phase 2 guidelines in mind.

It is the duty of the Warrant Committee to inform themselves about those affairs and interests of the town, the subject matter of which is generally included in the Warrants for town meeting. They shall report in print before the town meeting their estimates and recommendations for the action of the town, with their reasons for such recommendations. They meet throughout the year without a set schedule, but usually the schedule is twice a week during November, December, and January.

The Warrant Committee attempts to approach the budgets and all the Warrant articles from two viewpoints. The first is from the viewpoint of whether the town can afford a particular item this year. The second is from the viewpoint of whether the town can afford to function without a particular item this year. Both of these require value judgements which in turn require a complete knowledge of what each item does by itself and how it fits into the whole town picture.

Two years ago we attempted to approach town budgeting with one more viewpoint in mind, the amount of money available to be spent by the town. We reported to you that we were partially successful that year. After town meeting we found out that the state reimbursement was increased to such an extent that instead of a $3.00 increase in tax rate, the actual increase was negligible.

Last year we estimated an increase of $4.00 in the tax rate. State reimbursements were such that we suffered more than expected from what most towns feel to be an inequitable state formula and the actual increase was $5.00. Basically it is felt that the method used by the state to set the equalized valuation figures for each town is faulty. Those towns that have changed to 100% of market value for their assessed valuation have been hurt because towns that have not done so have been undervalued by the state. The state formula gives more money to those towns (and cities) which spend more in proportion to their equalized valuation. The courts require all cities and towns to change to 100%, but the pace is slow.

This year we estimate an increase of $4.00 in the tax rate. It should be kept in mind that state reimbursements for school aid, funded by the sales tax, have varied over the past two years and have upset our estimates. On the page showing this item we have assumed only 75% of the entitlement will be actually received because sales tax revenue is projected by state authorities to be insufficient to cover 100% of the entitlements.

The entitlement itself is based on the equalized valuations and we are in favor of making these equalized valuations more equitable or making every city and town comply with 100% of fair market value immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

THE WARRANT COMMITTEE

GERALD BOULET, Chairman	CHARLES FAZZIO
GORDON GLADSTONE, Vice-Chairman	HAROLD LAVIEN
DAVID BENTON, Secretary	MORRIS ROSENTHAL
LAURENCE BUXBAUM	JAMES SIMMONS
RICHARD CANNON	ARTHUR TAYLOR
EUGENE ELLIS	ARNOLD VAN LEER

Article 2. To choose four members of the Warrant Committee for three year terms and to fill any vacancies on said Committee.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. To act upon the reports as printed and to hear any other reports and to act thereon.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Compensation By-Law as follows, or act in any way relating thereto:

1. By striking out all Classification Schedules and Pay Schedules of Title VIII and substituting new Classification Schedules and new Pay Schedules as of January 2, 1972.

2. By amending the Supplementary Benefits Schedule of Title VIII.

3. By adding in Section 3.000 The Pay Schedule of Title II the words "rate or" before the present words "range of rates".

Personnel Board

Report and recommendations at Town Meeting.

Article 5. To fix the compensation of elected officers, provide for a Reserve Fund, and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest , for the ensuing year.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of the various sums listed for 1972 in the recapitulation of Article 5. Increases in budgets are caused largely by increases in the cost of supplies, telephone service, postage and step increases in wage classifications. In addition, other increases are special items. Some of these special increases in budgets are due to:

Board of Selectmen -- new typewriter - old typewriter repaired and to be used by Board of Health.

Treasurer-Collector -- new typewriter and new adding machine - old typewriter used as trade-in and old adding machine to Executive Secretary.

Warrant Committee - printing of stationery and bus trip to inspect land article sites.

Town Clerk -- new typewriter - old typewriter used as trade-in.

Elections and Registrations -- more elections this year.

Fire -- new firefighter added last year.

Building Inspector -- new fees for inspections.

Department of Public Works -- already includes wage increases for 1972 which will be covered under Article 4 for other departments.

Street Lighting -- increased cost of electricity and cost of underground installation of utilities.

Library -- includes wage increase revisions.

School Department -- includes already the cost of wage increases for 1972.

Development & Industrial Comm. - - cost of printing a new brochure.

Maturing Debt -- cost of borrowing at 1971 Town Meeting.

We recommend adoption of this routine article.

Article 6. To hear the record of the Donors to the Sharon Friends School Fund, and to choose Trustees of the School Funds and other officers not on the official ballot.

Board of Selectmen

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1972 and January 1, 1973 in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Board of Selectmen

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Fund.

Town Accountant

We recommend the adoption and transfer of $55,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Reserve Fund. This year there is $87,600.00 available. The balance will be used to help defray the cost of Article 5.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $8,800.00. An additional $26,400.00 representing the State and County shares will be added to this appropriation.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or tansfer from available funds, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $4,000.00. An additional $8,000.00 representing the State and County shares will be added to this appropriation.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the State Aid to Public Libraries reserved for Appropriations Account to the Public Library Account, or act in any way relating thereto.

Town Accountant

We recommend adoption and the transfer of $2,517.50 from the State Aid to Public Libraries Account. This action is required by statute to accomplish this transfer of funds from the State to the Library budget.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of $446.43 to the Public Library account for replacement of books lost and paid for at the Sharon Public Library.

Trustees of Public Library

We recommend adoption and transfer from available funds of $446.43 to the Public Library budget.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to have the Board of Selectmen appoint a committee of five (5) to study and present to the Town an appropriate "Representative type Town Meeting system" (to be presented to the Town at the earliest possible time, specifically at any special town meeting that may be called later this year) and to be followed by whatever legal procedure may be necessary, or act in any way relating thereto.

Robert Levy, et als

We strongly oppose the adoption of this article. The present Town Meeting system is the last vestige of self-government remaining in our society and we oppose any proposal to eliminate it. Nevertheless, we recognize that there are areas in which the present Town Meeting system might be improved. We, therefore, recommend the appointment of a committee of five, consisting of the Moderator, a representative of the Selectmen, a representative of the Warrant Committee, the proponent of this article, Mr. Levy, and a fifth member to be selected by the other four, to examine the current practices and procedures of the existing Town Meeting system and to report its recommendations for improvements to the next regular Town Meeting.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to increase the personnel of the Police Department and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for this purpose, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend the personnel of the Police Force be increased by the addition of one patrolman and that the sum of $5,537.00 be appropriated to defray the salary costs and expenses of this officer for the balance of the year beginning about June 4. The addition of the officer is necessitated by the continued increase of duties and assignments of the Police Force. This is another step in a long range program designed to give the Police Force sufficient full-time personnel to enable the Police Department to minimize the use of inefficient and and costly overtime.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to increase the permanent personnel of the Fire Department by six (6) men as of July 3, 1972, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for this purpose, or act in any way relating thereto.

Chief, Fire Department

We recommend adoption to the extent of adding one permanent Fireman to the Fire Department at a cost of $4,278.00 for the balance of the year beginning about July 10. By adding one man per year we feel that the Fire Department will grow at a reasonable rate.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for purchase of land for future Fire Department Sub-Stations on or near South Main Street and in east Sharon, or act in any way relating thereto.

Chief, Fire Department

We recommend indefinite postponement until the Public Safety Facilities Committee and the Capital Outlay Committee are able to study all the requests and proposals and report on a definitive plan for these needs.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, by borrowing or otherwise, for the replacement of the 1949 Ford brush fire truck, or act in any way relating thereto.

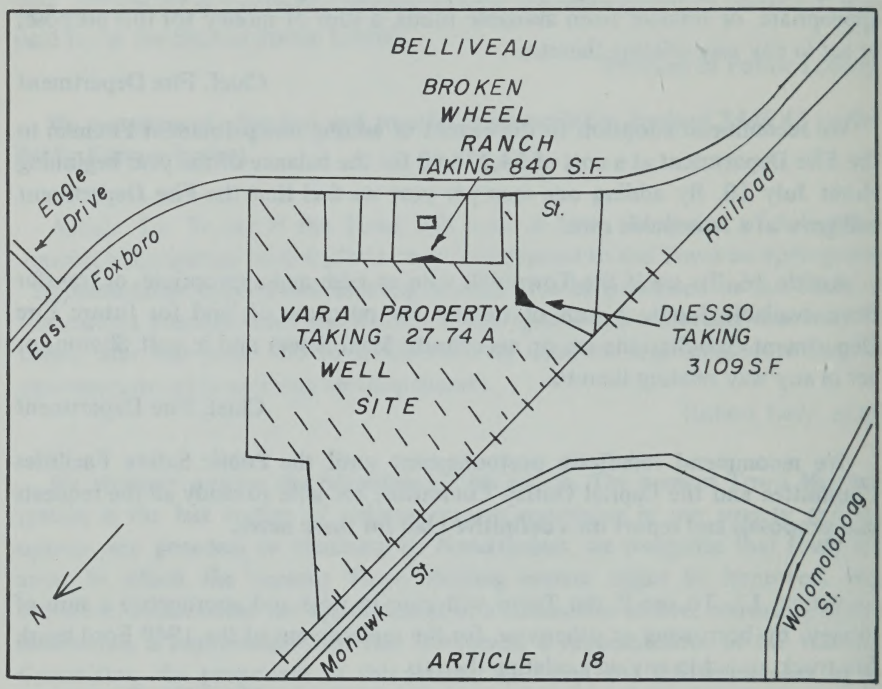
Chief, Fire Department

We recommend adoption of this article to correct a technical defect in the Article 28 language voted at the 1970 Town Meeting. This article contemplated borrowing of $8,500.00 in 1971 to complete the purchase. The fire truck in question has been purchased but the town has not been allowed to borrow the money.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase, or take by eminent domain proceedings, for water supply purposes, all or a part of three (3) parcels of land now or formerly of Vara Realty Trust, Nicholas G. and Saletta M. Diesso, and Harold J. and Dorothy M. Belliveau,

located on and off the westerly side of East Foxboro Street together with land and/or easement to provide access to said parcels and to provide public utilities to be installed and maintained to said parcels, as shown on a plan on file at the office of the Town Engineer entitled "Plan of Land on East Foxboro Street, Sharon, Mass. Showing Proposed Taking for Water Supply Purposes, Jan. 21, 1972, Town of Sharon Engineering Department", and to raise and appropriate, by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money for such purposes, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

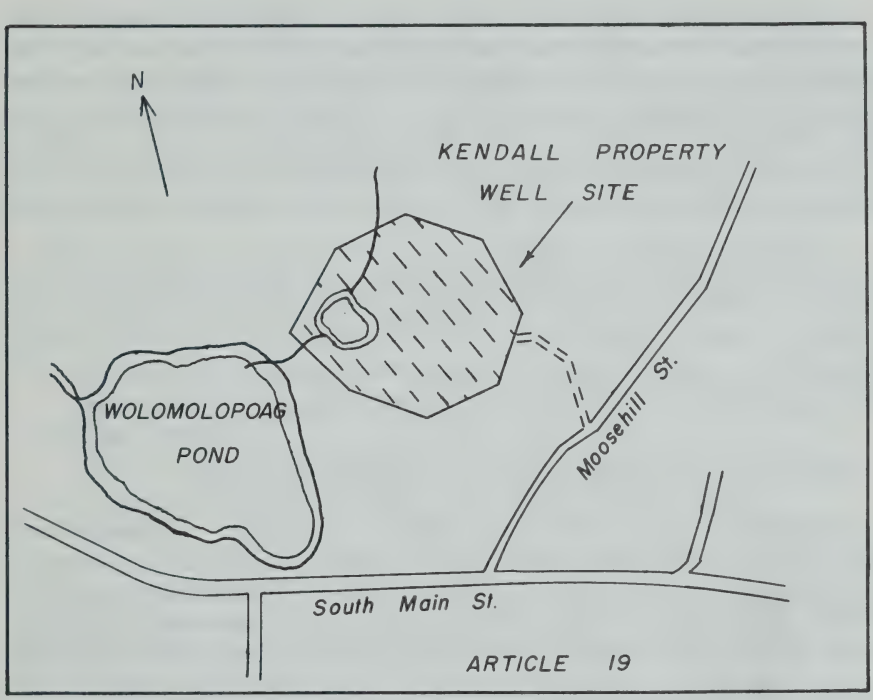


We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $13,000.00. Well sites become more vital and more difficult to obtain as this town grows. Water demands by each family continue to increase. Water restrictions during each summer testify to the shortage. Well sites with required surrounding land and proven water supplies must be obtained, while the land acquisition costs are low.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase, or take by eminent domain proceedings, for water supply purposes, a parcel of land formerly of Henry P. Kendall as shown on a plan on file at the

office off the Town Engineer entitled "Plan of Land off Moose Hill Street, Sharon, Mass. Showing Proposed Taking for Water Supply Purposes, Jan. 21, 1972, Town of Sharon Engineering Department", located westerly of Moose Hill Street and northerly of Wolomolopoag Pond, together with land and/or easement to provide access to said parcel and to provide public utilities to be installed and maintained to said parcel; and to raise and appropriate, by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money for such purpose, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen



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Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money, by borrowing or otherwise, for the purpose of establishing a twice monthly or bi-weekly system of refuse collection for all residences in the Town, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend no action. Surveys conducted in town have clearly indicated that the vast majority of the people do not wish the Town to incur the expense of additional refuse collections.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, by borrowing or otherwise, for the purpose of obtaining topographic plans, test borings, soil data, groundwater elevations and other information needed to determine the suitability of a site or sites for refuse disposal by a sanitary landfill method, or act in any way relating thereto.

Solid Waste Disposal Committee

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $5,000.00 for a study. The present land fill site will be used up by the end of 1973. It is necessary that additional sites be located before this time. The Solid Waste Disposal Committee has three sites under consideration, one near I-95 and High Plain St., one near I-95 and Old Post Road, and one off Massapoag Ave. near the standpipe. Topographical plans, test borings, ground water elevation, and other information is needed to determine which of the istes is best suited for sanitary land fill use.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, by borrowing or otherwise, for the purpose of obtaining professional services to furnish all or part of the following: Aerial Photography, Photographic Enlargements, Aerial Topographic Maps and Planimetric Maps prepared by photogrammetric methods, of the Town, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $30,000.

This is the first and most critical installment of a program to photograph and map the entire town using essential ground control. Since only 25% of the town is devoloped, it is essential for the orderly growth of the town that the Planning Board, Town Engineer, Conservation Commission, Board of Assessors, Sanitary Land Fill Commission and all other town departments have available adequate maps to allow for planning of drainage, understanding of watershed areas, preservation of green belts, location of water sites, etc. Currently these departments are working either with inadequate maps or must incur excessive surveying costs.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of compensating one of the Assessors, or some other qualified person, for engineering services in connection with the duties of the Assessors, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Assessors

We recommend no action. We are of the opinion that the services in question can and should be performed by town departments as part of their regular responsibilities at no additional cost to the town.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to give the Historical District Commission the powers and duties of an historical commission as provided in Section 8-D of Chapter 40, together with the title of Historical Commission, all as provided in Chapter 40-C, Section 14, as amended, or act in any way relating thereto.

Historical District Commission

We recommend adoption of this article. We are informed that a historical commission will not represent any additional cost to the town. By adopting this article, the Historical Commission will be able to accept state and federal monies, to maintain surveys of the town's historic assets, to co-ordinate groups within the town which have interests in this area, and may make recommendations to the Selectmen to certify historical landmarks.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 10, Section 19, of the By-Laws by deleting said section and substituting in place thereof the following, or act in any way relating thereto:

> "Section 19. No person shall spit upon the floor or walls of any town building, or injure, deface, destroy or mar in any way or manner any part of a town building, or any of the furniture therein, or have in his possession on any town property any spirituous or intoxicating liquors for the purpose of drinking or dispensing the same on town property."
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> Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this article which has the effect of allowing smoking within appropriate town buildings and extending the general prohibitions of this article to all town properties and buildings.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by renumbering the present Section 4 of Article 16-Boating By-Law as Section 5, and by inserting a new Section 4 in such Article 16, as follows, or act in any way relating thereto:

> "4. After April 1, 1973 no person shall operate a boat on Lake Massapoag powered by internal combustion engines whose total horsepower rating at the time of original manufacture exceeds sixty (60) horsepower, except as approved by the Board of Selectmen for safety or rescue purposes."
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> Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this article. Restricting the horsepower of motorboats on Lake Massapoag will materially improve the safety to other users, and substantially improve the ecology of the lake. The small size of the lake, and the large areas of extremely shallow water makes it highly undesirable for large boats with high horsepower engines. Because we feel that the greatest emphasis on safety should be during peak periods of use, we further recommend that effective immediately on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays no boat of more than thirty (30) horsepower be operated on Lake Massapoag except as approved by the Board of Selectmen for safety and rescue purposes.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey the following parcels of land now owned by the Town:

1. Parcel 1 comprising three contiguous parcels of land acquired by the Town as Parcels A, B, and C in Orders of Taking recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 3640, Pages 331, 330, and 329 respectively, and shown on Plan No. 160 of 1958 in Plan Book 204 of the Norfolk Registry of Deeds and containing 17.0 acres, more or less, 17.4 acres, more or less, and 4.3 acres, more or less, respectively, for a total of 38.7 acres, more or less, and being subject to a taking by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Works of 3.14 acres designated as Parcel 2-4 in Layout No. 5227 and Order of Taking for Interstate Route 95, dated May 29, 1962: and

2. Parcel 2 comprising two contiguous parcels of land acquired by the Town; one containing 36,515 square feet or 0.84 acres and recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds Book 3801, Page 419, 420 and shown on Plan No. 271-1960 recorded therewith; the other parcel containing 8.8 acres, more or less, acquired as Parcel D in an Order of Taking recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds in Book 3640 Page 328 and shown on Plan No. 160 of 1958 in Plan Book 204 and being subject to a taking by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Works of 2.02 acres designated as Parcel 2-9 in Layout No. 5227 and Order of Taking for Interstate Route 95 dated May 29, 1962:

or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend approval. Articles 27, 28, and 29 are all related. Articles 27 and 28 would result in the Town conveying to the Simeone interest approximately 40 acres adjacent and to the rear of B.P.M. Land would be retained sufficient to protect our well adjacent to the property. This land was originally purchased for $18,000 as a source of gravel. However, the Town has

been only able to make a minimum use of the property because of the poor quality of the gravel. The land has a limited value to the Town but a considerably larger value to the Simeones who own approximately 600 adjacent acres. The Simeones, under Article 29, would convey to the Town approximately 30 acres in the so called Niethold pit behind West Street. This would give to the Town a protective belt along its principal water supply and a source of good quality gravel.

In addition, the Simeones would withdraw their appeals in two law cases, one seeking greater land taking damages and the other challenging the gravel removal by-laws; further they would pay to the Town $115,000. amounting to approximately $1.00 on the tax rate in 1973.

The transaction appears to be in the best interest of the Town and is supported by all of the Town Boards that have reviewed it.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a portion of the land designated as Parcel 1 in an Order of Taking by the Selectmen dated January 29, 1970 and recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds Book 4646, Page 728, and as shown on a plan recorded therewith, said portion of Parcel 1 to be conveyed being described as follows:

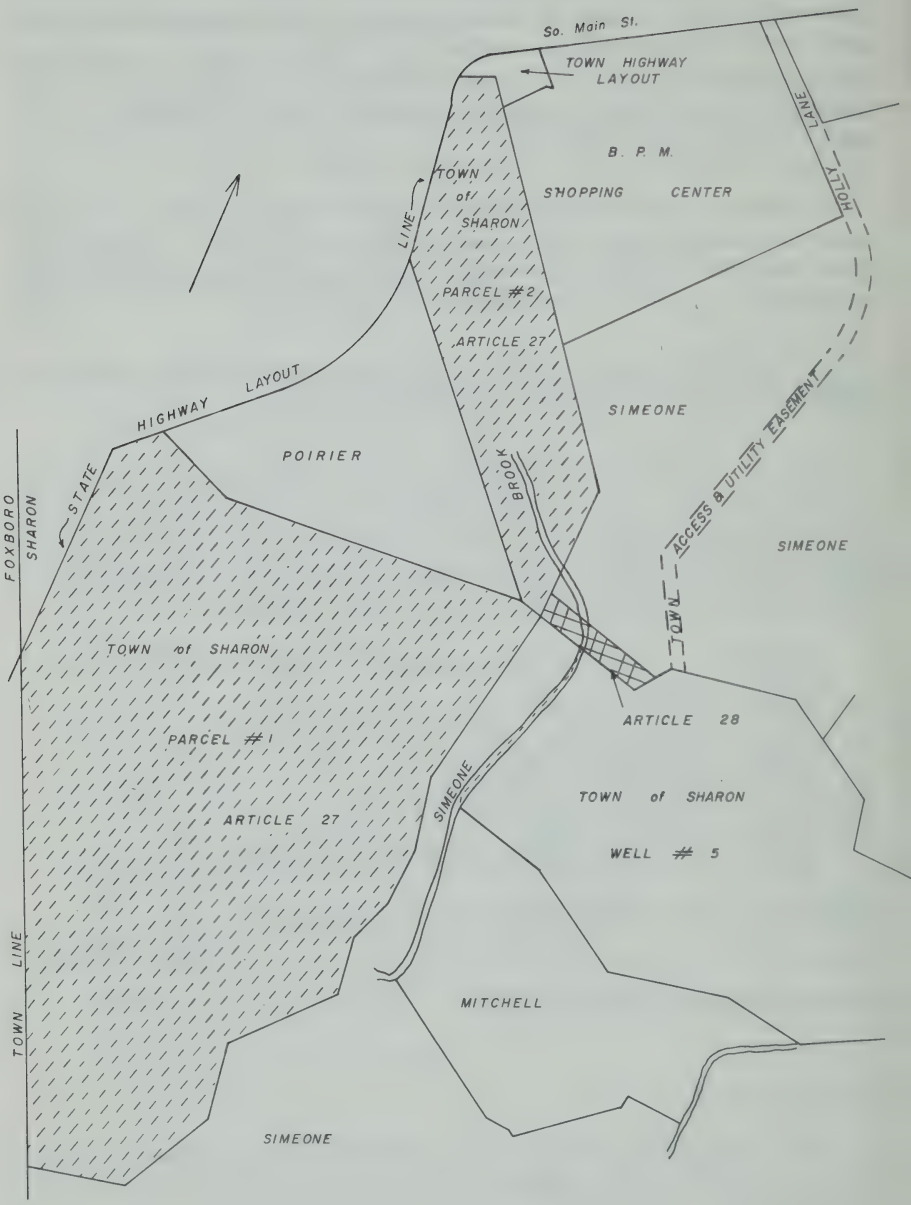
Beginning at a point 58.84 feet easterly from land of Poirier and land of Town of Sharon

Thence N 16-29-35 W - 62.43 feet;
Thence N 89-33-34 E - 345.63 feet;
Thence S 16-40-18 W - 62.48 feet;
Thence S 89-33-34 W - 309.90 feet to the point of beginning,

containing 0.45 acres, more or less, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

See recommendations under Article 27.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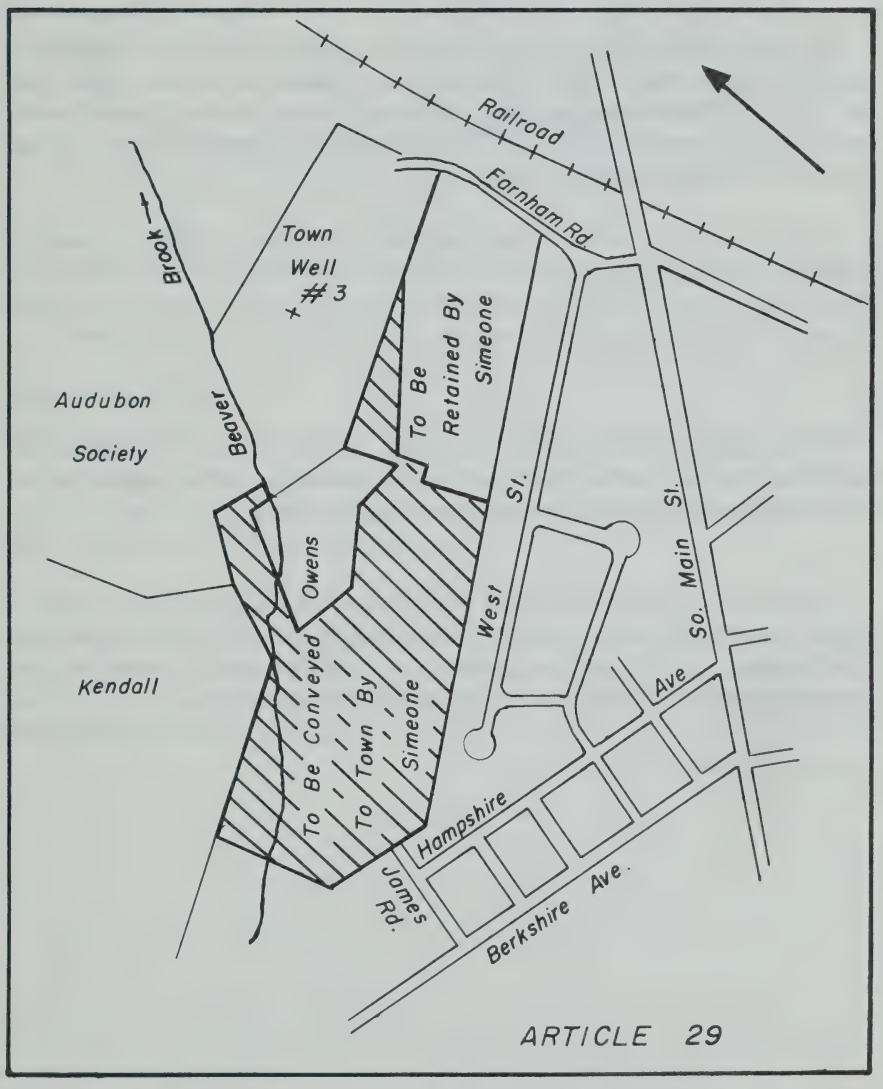
BROOK
FOXBORO
SHARON
SIMEONE
TOWN of SHARON
PARCEL #1
ARTICLE 27
ARTICLE 28
TOWN of SHARON
WELL # 5
SIMEONE
TOWN LINE
MITCHELL
SIMEONE

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed conveying for municipal purposes all or part of a tract of land containing forty-two (42) acres, more or less, located westerly from Farnham Road and commonly known as the "Niethold Pit", and being more particularly described in deed to Benjamin A. Simeone et al, Trustees, recorded with Norfolk Registry of Deeds Book 4514, Page 729, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen



See recommendations under Article 27.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey the land shown on "Plot Plan of Land in Sharon, Massachusetts", recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, Book 4586,Page 315, on the northwesterly side of Edge Hill Road, containing three acres more or less, formerly owned by Cranmore Construction Co., and owned by teh Town by reason of foreclosure of a tax lien, or act in any was relating thereto.

John F. O'Brien, et als

We recommend that the Town adopt this article, advising the Board of Selectmen to sell this land at the larger of the appraisal or assessed value. This land is virtually landlocked and the petitioners who are abutters, would like to improve their property. This would restore the land to the tax rolls, land for which the Town has no apparent use.

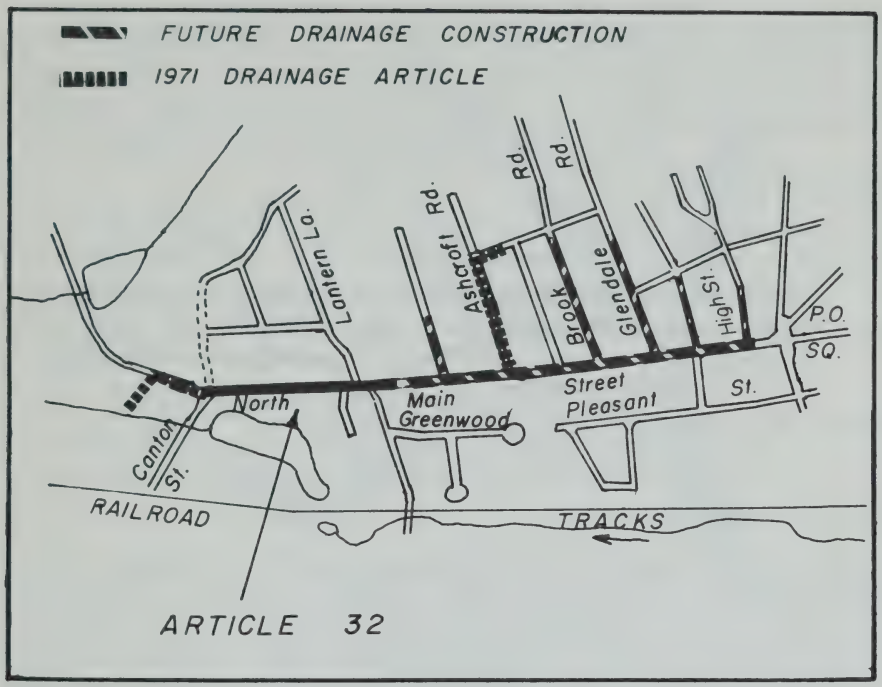
Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to acquire, purchase or take by eminent domain all or a portion of the land of Frederick E. DeVere in the vicinity of Cottage Street, and raise and appropriate, by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money for any of said purposes, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend indefinite postponement. The Town has no demonstrable need for the land other than protection of streams which appear to be adequately protected by the natural contour of the land.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, by borrowing or otherwise, for the purpose of highway or drainage construction, or both, and to purchase or take by eminent domain, lands or easements necessary therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

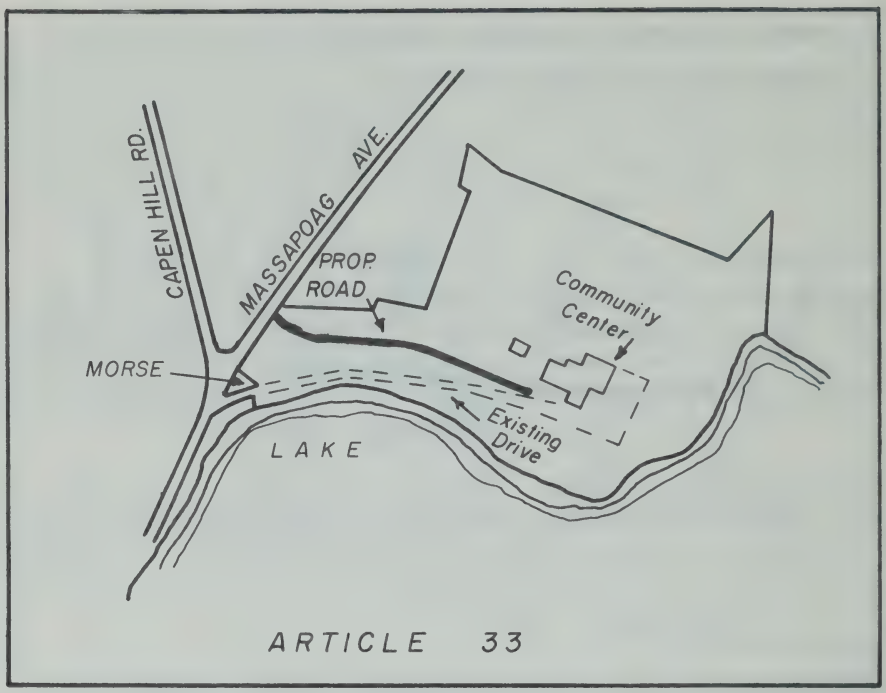
Board of Selectmen



We recommend an appropriation of $40,000. which will be used to continue the drainage project on North Main Street; this is the second appropriation in a five year program for North Main Street.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, by borrowing or otherwise, for the purpose of constructing a new entrance road and sidewalk from Massapoag Avenue to the Community Center, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen



We recommend indefinite postponement until the proposed study under Article 51 by a consultant is completed and can be studied by the Town.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, by borrowing or otherwise, for the purpose of sidewalk construction, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend no action this year.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to establish an Industrial Development Financing Authority in accordance with Section 2, Chapter 40-D of the General Laws, or act in any way relating thereto.

Development and Industrial Commission

We recommend the establishment of an Industrial Development Financing Authority, thereby allowing the graning of low interest loans to qualifying new industries at no risk to the town's credit. This will help make our Industrial Development Commission more competitive in its hunt for new desirable industry to aid in stabilizing the tax rate.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be used in conjunction with the appropriation of $5,500. voted under Article 41 of the 1971 Annual Town Meeting for the purchase of a motor vehicle for the transportation of the elderly, handicapped and disabled, or act in any way relating thereto.

Council for the Aging

We recommend no action. We are informed by the Council for the Aging that they no longer have need to purchase a motor vehicle, since alternative transportation has been made available at no additional cost to the town. Council for the Aging will evaluate the proposed transportation during the year to determine its adequacy.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purchase and installation of a new civil defense warning system, or act in any way relating thereto.

Civil Defense Director

We recommend indefinite postponement. The Civil Defense Director is doing his duty in presenting this article for consideration by the Town. Conditions this year have changed somewhat from the past in that the Federal authorities now consider that Sharon has 8,200 units of shelter. We feel that available funds preclude favorable action, however.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to provide for an educational program and information dissemination concerning preparation for major emergencies and disasters, or act in any way relating thereto.

Civil Defense Director

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $3,000.00. This program will provide essential information to the residents of Sharon in the elements of survival and health care when confronted with any type of emergency or major disaster.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to release and abandon all rights granted to it under an easement document recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds Book 4688, Page 258, insofar as they pertain to that portion of item one in said document referring to an easement twenty-five (25) feet in width running along the easterly boundary of Lot 11 and the westerly boundary of Lot 12 as shown on a plan entitled "Sharon Estates" a subdivision in Sharon, Mass., Ralph I. Maloon, Reg. Prof. Eng. and Reg. Land Surv., Mansfield, Mass., dated June 15, 1970, or act in any way relating thereto.

Planning Board

We recommend adoption. The Town by adopting this article is ratifying the action of the Town officials in shifting the easements from one area to another.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to release and abandon all rights granted to the Town under easement documents recorded in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds Book 3118, Page 198, and Book 3669, Page 503, said documents referring to the right to deposit surface water drainage in a drainage easement area on private land in Stoughton off Bay Road, together with a twenty (20) foot wide right-of-way to said area from Bay Road, and as shown on plans recorded as Plan No. 1207, Book 3118, Page 198, and Plan No. 914, 1960, Plan Book 209 in the Norfolk Registry of Deeds, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption of this routine article.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the acquisition of land as green areas, as indicated on the "Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Sharon, Massachusetts, dated February 1967" and as amended January 1971, in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and that the Conservation Commission be authorized to apply or contract for state and federal aid, or act in any way relating thereto.

Conservation Commission

We recommend the appropriation of $13,000. This sum will restore to $50,000. the amount available to the Conservation Commission for the acquisition of land for conservation purposes.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2(A)9 of the Zoning By-Law by striking out the existing paragraph and substituting in place thereof the following, or act in any way relating therreto:

> "9. The office of a doctor, dentist, lawyer, real estate agent, insurance agent, or other professional person, resident on the premise; the studio of an artist, musician, photographer or teacher of art, music, or photography, resident on the premise; provided that there is no display or advertising except a sign of not more than three (3) square feet in area."

We recommend adoption since the amendment improves slightly the original by-law. In our opinion, the entire by-law should be rewritten.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2(A)10 of the Zoning By-Law by striking out the existing paragraph and substituting the following, or act in any way relating thereto:

"10. Customary home occupations and the sale of the products thereof conducted by resident occupants only; provided that there is no display or advertising except a sign of not more than three (3) square feet in area. The term "customary home occupations" shall include such occupations as dressmaking, millinery, crafts, art work, and the taking as lodgers or boarders of not more than five persons not members of the family residing therein. Not permitted is the sale of articles produced elsewhere than on the premises or the production of offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust or other particulate matter, heat, humidity, glare or other objectionable effects."

Planning Board

We recommend adoption of this article. The current by-law is being amended by adding into the first sentence, "and the sale of the products thereof", adding "crafts" and "art work", and adding the entire last sentence.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 14 General Residence Districts of the Zoning By-Law by deleting the existing paragraph and substituting the following paragraph, or act in any way relating thereto:

"Section 14. General Residence Districts.

In the General Residence District there shall be provided for each single dwelling hereafter constructed a lot containing not less than eight thousand (8,000) square feet and having a lot width of not less than seventy (70) feet. However, there shall be provided for each two family dwelling hereafter constructed a lot containing not less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet and having a lot width of not less than eighty (80) feet."

Planning Board

We recommend adoption to permit alleviation of possible future drainage and sewerage problems, especially in two family dwellings.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 14.2-Business Districts of the Zoning By-Law by adding the following sentence, or act in any way relating thereto:

"There shall be provided for each two family dwelling hereafter constructed a lot containing not less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet and having a lot width of not less than eighty (80) feet."

Planning Board

We recommend adoption for the same reasons as noted under Article 44.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to adopt additions to the Zoning By-Law as follows, or act in any way relating thereto:

To Section 2(A)14 a new paragraph K,

"K. One additional dwelling unit within the building or structure, provided

(a) that the building or structure in which the additional unit is located is occupied by the owner;

(b) that the additional unit is occupied only by a person or persons related to the owner;

(c) that the additional unit share a common entrance in the existing structure."

To Section 18 (Definitions) a new paragraph 24,

"24. Related Persons:

Two or more persons who are within the second degree of kinship to each other,

as defined by civil law, and their respective spouses and offspring."

Planning Board

We recommend indefinite postponement. While we realize the desire to have relatives, particularly parents, or grandparents, reside in one's home, we are not convinced that a by-law in this form is enforceable and feel that the inevitable result would be the conversion of one family houses to two family houses at will.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5(A)15e, Section 5(B)5a and b, Section 6(A)14, respectively, of the Zoning By-Law and add Section 7(I) (Non-conforming signs) as follows, or act in any way relating thereto:

I. Amend Section 5(A)15e(6) by striking out the existing paragraph and substituting the following:

"(6) a sign attached to a building shall be securely affixed to one of the walls and shall be parallel with and not project more than six inches from the face of such wall and shall not project beyond the face of any wall of the building to which it is affixed. No sign shall project above the highest line of the wall of the building to which it is affixed. If the sign is attached to a parapet, it shall not exceed the height of the parapet;"

II. Amend Section 5(A)15e(7) by striking out the existing paragraph and substituting the following:

"(7) no more area in the aggregate including free standing or hanging signs or symbols, on any wall than one twentieth (1/20) of the portion of the exterior wall enclosing the establishment to which the signs refer;"

III. Amend Section 5(A)15e(8) by removing the period at the end of the existing section and adding the following:

"when referring to the name of the establishment or tenant and the services performed therein. An additional sign area of two (2) square feet is allowed for each establishment or tenant if occupying a separate and distinct area of the building or structure involved;"

IV. Amend Section 5(A)15e by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(9) the size of a sign affixed to a building shall be determined as follows: four straight lines shall be drawn so as to enclose the entire text and/or design of the sign and thus form a quadrangle; the area formed by this quadrangle shall constitute the area of the sign."

V. Add to the end of Section 7 a new paragraph as follows:

(I) Any nonconforming sign legally erected prior to the adoption of this section, or any amendment thereof, may be continued to be maintained for a period of not longer than five years after the date of adoption of this section. Such a sign shall not be enlarged, reworded, redesigned or altered in any way unless brought into conformity. Any such sign which has been destroyed or damaged to such an extent that

the cost of restoration would exceed 35% of the replacement value of the sign at the time of the destruction or damage, shall not be repaired or rebuilt or altered unless in conformity with this section."

Planning Board

We recommend adoption of III only. Making signs conform to more restrictive conditions than under the present by-law would seem to cause an unnecessary hardship on business establishments in town. III deals with professional buildings and allows a free standing sign of 6 square feet plus 2 extra square feet per tenant, essentially.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws and Map for the Town of Sharon by changing the zoning classification from "Light Industrial" to "Single Residence B" the following described premises, or act in any way relating thereto:

Parcel 1.

Lot A on a Plan of Land in Sharon, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, April 24, 1946, Schuyler Clapp Co., C.E. recorded with Norfolk Deeds as Plan No. 864 of 1946 in Plan Book 139, bounded according to said plan as follows:

Beginning at a drill hole on the Old Post Road at land now or late of Wilbron A. Brule, and running northerly along Old Post Road three hundred thirty-two and 25/100 (332.25) feet to a drill hole at land now or late of Dewey T. Keyhoe and Mary S. Keyhoe; thence northeasterly along a stone wall and land of said Keyhoes five hundred one and 7/100 (501.07) feet to a drill hole at corner of Lot B on said plan, and continuing northeasterly along said Lot B an additional one hundred ninety-seven and 84/100 (197.84) feet to Lot C on said plan, a total of six hundred ninety- eight and 91/100 (698.91) feet; thence southerly along line of Lot C to a corner of land of Anthony Francis Carducci; also a corner of land of said Brule three hundred one and 73/100 (301.73) feet; thence westerly by land of said Brule seven hundred thirty-one and 28/100 (731.28) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 5.2 acres, more or less.

Parcel 2.

Beginning at a point on Baker Street, at end of stone wall on land now or formerly of Charles Guild 2nd, thence running northerly on said Baker Street about six chains sixty links to a stone wall; thence running easterly in a line with land now or formerly of said Guild running partly along stone wall and partly along fence about eleven chains eight links to

land now or formerly of Jonathan Billings; thence running in a southeasterly direction bounded by land now or formerly of said Billings to leading way, about eight chains seventy links; thence running westerly along said leading way in a line parallel with and forty five feet distant from fence and stone wall, said fence and stone wall being southerly bound of said leading way, to fence on land now or formerly of said Guild, nine chains fifty six links; thence running northerly along fence to corner, two chains; thence running westerly along fence two chains thirty seven links to said Baker Street and first mentioned bound.

Parcel 3.

The land in Sharon, Norfolk County, Massachusetts being shown as parcel marked "Area = 4.14 Acres" on plan entitled "Plan of Land in Sharon, Massachusetts," dated September 9, 1963, drawn by McIntyre & Johnson, Inc. and recorded herewith. Said parcel marked "Area = 4.14 Acres" being bounded and described as follows:

Northwesterly by Old Post Road, 245.24 feet, as shown on said plan;

Northwesterly, northerly and northeasterly by a curve of a radius of 30.00 feet by land of Arthur H. Sanford et ux, 48.17 feet, as shown on said plan;

Northeasterly by land of Arthur H. Sanford et ux, by three courses, 458.97 feet, 139.73 feet and 417.90 feet respectively, as shown on said plan;

Southeasterly by land of Arthur H. Sanford et ux, 112.90 feet, as shown on said plan; and

Southwesterly in part on land, now or formerly, of Maurice and Anna Raider and in part on land, now or formerly of Arthur F. Kittredge, Jr. et ux, on two courses, 560.01 feet and 500.84 feet, respectively, as shown on said plan.

Florence Brule, et als

We recommend indefinite postponement. The Planning Board and the Development and Industrial Commission are not in favor of this change. They point out that a zoning change should benefit thw whole town and that a valid reason still remains for this land to be industrial. Three residents are affected in this area and they petitioned pleading hardship on account of large increase in in taxes and other reasons. However, their tax bills have been abated to approximately what they would be under residential zoning.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to change the zoning designation of the following described property from Single Residence District "A", or however other classified, to a Multiple Residence District, said property being described as follows: beginning at a point on the northeasterly side of Walpole Street 443 feet southeast of the intersection of Old Post Road, and then bounded southeasterly by Walpole Street 430.02 feet, southerly by land now or formerly of Henry P. Kendall 1,193.48 feet, easterly by land now or formerly of Mary L. Billings 421.3 feet, and northerly by land now or formerly of Henry P. Kendall 1,281.02 feet, to the point of beginning, or take any action relating thereto.

Harold Cohen, et als

We recommend the adoption of this article. We favor this zoning because we believe it is proper for the town to have some multiple residence areas to serve social needs and increase the tax base. Tentative plans presented show 96 units, in five buildings (two story plus basement), with 192 parking areas, placed to take advantage of the natural qualities of the land. Trees will be preserved as much as possible, as will the man-made pond on the property. The location is good, being accessible to Route No. 1 and I-95 and there is a 12" water main in Walpole Street.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1 of the Zoning By-Laws by striking out starting with "The boundaries of the districts" and ending "Town of Sharon, Massachusetts - Zoning Map dated March 8, 1971" and substitute the boundaries of the districts, and any changes in existing districts, voted at this meeting, except that any districts subject to approval of the Attorney General will be so identified, or act in any way relating thereto.

Planning Board

We recommend adoption of this routine article.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the presentation of a plan by a consultant for the future uses of the Recreation Center and other town owned lands adjacent to the Lake and expended under the direction of the Planning Board with the advice and consent of the Recreation Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Planning Board

We recommend an appropriation of 3,500.00 with $1,500.00 added by the Kendall Fund. The Planning Board has contacted Professor Zube at the University of Massachusetts' Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning. They intended a study of the area noted plus the general watershed area.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or transfer from the Road Machinery Fund, a sum of money for the purchase of new or replacement equipment for the Department of Public Works, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and appropriation of $25,000.00 and the transfer of $5,527.00 from the Road Machinery Fund for the purchase of equipment for the Department of Public Works. The equipment is listed in order of priority as, one road roller at $8,800.00 used to maintaine Town's roads, one dump truck at $10,000.00 to replace a 1963 truck in very poor condition, one backhoe attachment at $6,300.00 to augment present equipment and one tractor trailer at $9,000.00 to replace the present unsafe equipment, or one curb machine at $2,200.00 to shape curbs for sidewalk maintenance, or one catch basin cleaner at $6,000.00 to replace a contracted service presently performed for $2,500.00 per year. The final three optional items will depend on the need, size of the bids for the higher priority equipment, and possible purchasing of second hand equipment.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the governmental units of the Town to enter into agreements with the Southeastern Regional School District as provided by Section Four A (4A) of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, whereby the Regional District shall provide for the Town, at such cost to the Town as shall be mutually agreed, data processing services and related activities and undertakings in accordance with such agreements, or act in any way relating thereto.

James J. Leonard,
Regional Vocational School Committee

We recommend the adoption of this article, which will give town departments the flexibility to contract with the Southeast Regional High School for data processing services at possible savings over commercial companies.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to continue the present Adult Education Program and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

School Committee

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $9,000.00. The Town does receive a limited return from registration fees and state reimbursements.

Article 55. To see if the Town will request the School Building Committee to continue its work for another year, and to change its name to "Committee on Long-Range School Needs", or act in any way relating thereto.

School Committee

We note with thanks this committee's past work and its recent inactivity and recommend no action on renewal.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purchase or lease of office machinery, equipment, supplies and/or services relating thereto, and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds, by borrowing under the provisions of the General Laws, or by a combination thereof, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend indefinite postponement with an activation of the Data Processing Committee.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Chessman Drive from station 12+50 to station 18+50 as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $100.00 for legal and recording fees.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Williams Road, from station 0+0 at Marcus Road to station 9+56.05, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $200.00 for legal and recording fees.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Williams Road from station 13+00 to station 22+34 as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $200.00 for legal and recording fees.

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Greenwood Road from station 0+0 to station 12+32.91 as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Since some objections have been raised on accepting this road and the public hearing has not yet been held at the time of this printing, we are unable to make a recommendation in this warrant. We will make our recommendation as soon as possible in the press and at Town Meeting.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Indian Lane from station 0+0 to station 5+47 as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Since some objections have been raised on accepting this road and the public hearing has not yet been held at the time of this printing, we are unable to make a recommendation in this warrant. We will make our recommendation as soon as possible in the press and at Town Meeting.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Eagle Drive from station 0+0 to station 10+41.38 as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $200.00 for legal and recording fees.

Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Lois Lane, southerly from Deerfield Road a distance of 245 feet, more or less, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $100.00 for legal and recording fees.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way an extension of Dunbar Street as laid out by the Selectmen northerly and westerly for a distance of 155 feet, more or less, from the northerly terminus of

Dunbar Street as accepted at the 1954 Annual Town Meeting, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $100.00 for legal and recording fees.

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Sunset Drive from station 0+0 to station 5+0 as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend adoption and the appropriation of $100.00 for legal and recording fees.

Article 66. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt as a public way Bayberry Drive and Bayberry Lane as shown on Plans and profile drawn by Norwood Engineering Company, Civil Engineers, and identified as plans R1 and R2, raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Louis Showstack, et als

We recommend indefinite postponement of this article. The Planning Board is not in favor of accepting, nor is the Town Engineer. They point out that these ways are supposed to be privately maintained and have not been built to conform to the Town By-Laws. On the basis of no support either by the petitioners or the public at our hearing inquiring into this matter, we make our recommendation.

Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the $25,000. unissued balance of the sum of $2,525,000. authorized to be borrowed for the Junior High School in the vote on Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting of September 8, 1965, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

This article and numbers 68, 69, 70, 72, 73, and 74 are routine articles upon which we recommend favorable action. Their purpose is to restore the borrowing power of the Town to what it would be if authorization for further borrowing under these articles is removed. The total is $83,400.00 and favorable action merely stops further borrowing under these articles.

Article 68. To see if the Town will vote to rescind that portion of the vote under Article 28 of the 1970 Annual Town Meeting authorizing the borrowing of $8,500. for one year toward the purchase of a new fire truck, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

See recommendation under Article 67.

Article 69. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the $11,500. unissued balance of the sum of $35,000. authorized to be borrowed for the purchase of a 1000 gallon pumping apparatus in the vote on Article 19 of the 1968 Annual Town Meeting, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

See recommendation under Article 67.

Article 70. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the $9,000. unissued balance of the sum of $79,000. authorized to be borrowed for laying a water main in Massapoag Avenue and Mansfield Street a total distance of about 4000 feet in the vote on Article 15 of the 1971 Annual Town Meeting, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

See recommendation under Article 67.

Article 71. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 30 of the 1968 Annual Town Meeting, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

We recommend no action on this article at this time.

Article 72. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote on Article 32 of the 1968 Annual Town Meeting, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

See recommendation under Article 67.

Article 73. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote on Article 33 of the 1968 Annual Town Meeting, or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

See recommendation under Article 67.

Article 74. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 31 of the 1968 Annual Town Meeting by striking therefrom the words "that the sum of $5,800. be appropriated therefor; and in order to meet such appropriation that the Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the said sum for not more than thrity years, and to issue a note or notes therefor" and insert in place thereof the words "that the sum of $5,800. be raised and appropriated therefor", or act in any way relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

See recommendation under Article 67.

Article 75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund, or act in any way relating thereto.

Warrant Committee

We recommend indefinite postponement of action under this article. The anticipated partial funding of state reimbursements for school aid along with the increasing costs of running the schools and most town budgets makes appropriation for this fund somewhat counterproductive this year.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the same in accordance with the Town By-Laws.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of January A.D. 1972.

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WILFRED H. HOWE, Chairman

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GEORGE E. DONOVAN

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EDWARD I. MODISTE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN,
SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

Attest:_____ Constable

ALBERT R. HORAN

Sharon, Massachusetts, January 6, 1972

RECAPITULATION OF ARTICLE 5.

And Comparisons of Expenditures and Recommended Appropriations.

(Note: Article 5 incorporates all of the operating budgets of the Various Town Departments and Committees. Detailed budgets are submitted to the Warrant Committee by each authority, and investigated and discussed by the Committee, are again reviewed with the Department affected, and are printed below as finally recommended by the Warrant Committee for Town Meeting action. Amounts voted as "segregated" can be utilized only for the purposes indicated.)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1971 Appropriations	1971 Expenditures	1972 Recommended (Segregated)	1972 Budget Total	Change from 1971 Appropriation
Moderator					
Salary of Moderator	$ 60.00	$ 60.00	$ 60.00	$ 60	$ .00
Board of Selectmen	28,393.39	30,872.73		32,156	+3,763
Salary of Chairman	500.00	500.00	500.00		
Salary of Selectmen	800.00	800.00	800.00		
Out of State Travel	155.20	33.54	100.00		
Other Salaries, wages and expenses	26,938.19	29,539.19	30,756.00		
Town Accountant	19,129.00	20,824.00		19,230	+101
Salary of Town Accountant	10,032.00	10,032.00	10,032.00		
Other Salaries, wages and expenses	9,097.00	10,792.00	9,198.00		
Treasurer-Collector	48,188.00	48,170.85		48,826	+638
Salary of Treasurer-Collector	13,229.00	13,229.00	13,299.00		
Out of State Travel	150.00	145.90	150.00		
Other Salaries, Wages and expenses	34,809.00	34,795.95	35,447.00		

	1971 Appropriations	1971 Expenditures	1972 Recommended (Segregated)	1972 Budget Total	Change from 1971 Appropriation
Board of Assessors	27,959.00	27,346.24		24,533	-3,426
Salary of Assessors	6,200.00	6,200.00	6,200.00		
Other Salaries, Wages and expenses	21,759.00	21,146.24	18,333.00		
Warrant Committee	315.00	288.00		390	+75
Town Clerk	19,398.00	19,390.23		19,690	+292
Salary of Town Clerk	6,702.00	6,702.00	6,702.00		
Out of State Travel	400.00	400.00	150.00		
Other Salaries, Wages and expenses	12,296.00	12,288.23	12,838.00		
Law	9,200.00	10,075.59		9,400	+200
Engineering	44,344.00	43,146.07		42,400	-1,934
Out of State Travel	50.00	.00	100.00		
Other Salaries, Wages and expenses	44,284.00	43,146.07	42,300.00		
Elections and Registrations and Town Meetings	15,863.00	15,863.00		20,000	+4,137
Planning Board	5,460.00	4,914.05		4,500	-960
Personnel Board	550.00	140.00		300	-250
Board of Appeals	750.00	696.25		775	+25
Conservation Commission	480.00	480.00		500	+20
Council for Aging	388.91	376.97		300	-89
Transportation Advisory	.00	4.35		400	+400
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	220,468.30	222,648.33		223,460	+2,992

PUBLIC SAFETY	1971 Appropriations	1971 Expenditures	1972 Recommended (Segregated)	1972 Budget Total	Change from 1971 Appropriation
Police Department	286,710.00	307,448.88		286,550	-160
Sick Leave	.00	6,522.03	4,500.00		
Out of State Travel	400.00	.00	150.00		
Salaries, Wages and expenses	286,310.00	300,926.85	281,900.00		
Fire	154,509.00	166,443.96		164,000	+9,491
Out of State Travel	150.00	116.00	150.00		
Salaries, Wages and expenses	154,359.00	166,327.96	163,850.00		
Building Inspector	15,361.00	15,576.81		17,700	+2,339
Sealer of Weights and Measures	825.00	870.00		870	+45
Dog Officer	7,900.00	7,877.28		7,900	0
Civil Defense	4,600.00	4,600.00		4,600	0
Ambulance	5,315.00	6,329.81		5,590	+275
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	475,220.00	509,146.74		478,210	+11,990
HEALTH					
Board of Health	55,888.00	53,471.77		52,679	-3,209
Garbage Collection	30,000.00	27,678.87	26,900.00		
Other Salaries, Wages and expenses	25,888.00	25,792.90	25,779.00		
Inspector of Animals	600.00	600.00		600	0
TOTAL HEALTH	56,488.00	54,071.77		53,279	-3,209

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	1971 Appropriations	1971 Expenditures	1972 Recommended (Segregated)	1972 Budget Total	Change from 1971 Appropriation
Public Works Division	562,953.00	556,316.47		590,000	+27,047
Out of State Travel	150.00	150.00	300.00		
Salaries, Wages and expenses	562,803.00	556,166.47	589,700.00		
Street Lighting	46,740.00	44,974.56		53,000	+6,260
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	609,693.00	601,291.03		643,000	+33,307
Veterans Services	36,200.00	33,350.84		36,865	+665
TOTAL VETERANS	36,200.00	33,350.84		36,865	+665
PUBLIC LIBRARY					
Library	74,799.39	73,324.07		78,869	
Less County Dog Reimbursement	- 1,122.89			- 2,379	
Less State Aid	- 2,517.50			- 2,518	
TOTAL LIBRARY	71,159.00	73,324.07		73,972	+2,813

EDUCATION	1971 Appropriations	1971 Expenditures	1972 Recommended (Segregated)	1972 Budget Total	Change from 1971 Appropriation
Vocational Tuition	2,600.00	2,407.45		2,600	0
School Committee	3,792,285.00	3,759,812.05		4,090,210	+297,925
Salaries & expenses	3,761,241.00	3,730,141.83	4,066,940.00		
Out of State Travel	2,250.00	876.22	3,270.00		
School Lunch	28,794.00	28,794.00	20,000.00		
Southeastern Regional	63,525.00	63,525.00		75,981	+12,456
TOTAL EDUCATION	3,858,410.00	3,823,337.05		4,168,791	+310,381
RECREATION					
Parks	27,004.00	26,976.93		25,265	-1,739
Recreation	48,086.00	48,082.87		48,050	-36
Program for the Elderly			650.00		
Other Salaries, Wages Expenses			47,400.00		
Community Center	22,955.00	22,933.32		26,500	+3,545
TOTAL RECREATION	98,045.00	97,993.12		99,815	+1,770

UNCLASSIFIED	1971 Appropriations	1971 Expenditures	1972 Recommended (Segregated)	1972 Budget Total	Change from 1971 Appropriation
Community Celebrations	4,000.00	3,981.40		4,000	0
Development and Industrial Comm.	.00	937.71		1,400	+1,400
Town Reports	6,100.00	5,760.52		5,760	-340
Insurance	117,324.00	117,011.89		119,500	+2,176
Gasoline Fund	18,500.00	17,965.46		20,000	+1,500
Veterans' Graves	350.00	335.20		350	0
Reserve Fund	55,000.00	32,479.88		55,000	0
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	201,274.00	177,534.35		206,010	+4,736
PENSIONS					
Norfolk County Retirement	87,555.31	81,105.64		85,000	-2,555
TOTAL PENSIONS	87,555.31	81,105.64		85,000	-2,555
INTEREST, DEBT REPAYMENT					
Interest	203,782.50	185,120.19		177,618	-26,165
Maturing Debt	430,000.00	430,000.00		445,000	+15,000
TOTAL INTEREST - DEBT	633,782.50	615,120.19		622,618	-11,165
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	6,348,295.11	6,262,536.58		6,700,020	351,725

SHARON SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET

	Budget 1971	Expended 1971	Budget 1972	Change from 1971 Budget
Administration	$ 113,870	$ 121,065.96	$ 123,817	$ 9,947
Instruction	2,958,135	2,955,832.38	3,180,733	222,598
Other School Services	240,233	232,932.83	292,427	52,194
Operations & Maintenance	379,946	391,429.63	417,251	37,305
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	58,923	59,518.14	70,782	11,859
Programs with Other Districts and Private Schools	12,384	11,568.73	5,200	- 7,184
	$3,763,491	$3,772,347.67	$4,090,210***	$297,925
School Lunch	28,794	28,794.00		
TOTAL	3,792,285.00	3,801,141.67*		

*Deficit	- $ 8,856.67
Applied P.L. 874	27,328.66
Applied Chapter 506	14,807.14
Unexpended Balance	$33,279.13**

**Includes $32,537.25 for salaries withheld during Wage Freeze

*** Includes *20,000.00 budgeted for school lunch program.

SCHOOL INCOME AND REIMBURSEMENT 1972 (Estimated)

State Aid			
State School Fund (Sales Tax)		$776,147 *	
Public School Transportation		90,000	
Tuition of State Wards (Chapter 76)		2,000	
Mentally and Physically Handicapped (Chapters 69 & 71)		50,000	
Other Revenue From Commonwealth			
Law 89 - 10		2,000.	
Law 864		5,000	
Chapter 506		64,000	
From Other Districts in Massachusetts		2,000	
			$ 991,147
Local Receipts			
Rent of School Facilities		$ 4,500	
Miscellaneous Other Local Revenue			
Adult Education	$1,900		
Camp Union	6,500		
Driver Education	6,000		
Industrial Arts	1,000		
Summer School	8,000		
Miscellaneous	1,000	$24,400	
Total Income and Reimbursements			$1,020,047

* This figure is based on an estimated 75% of $1,034,966 entitlement.

RESERVE FUND – TRANSFERS

The Reserve Fund is in reality The Town Contingency Fund. Individual department budgets do not contain individual contingency items and therefore, when unexpected events occur, or when costs run higher on budgeted items, the various departments seek the funds from the Reserve Fund. It is the responsibility of the Warrant Committee to approve or disapprove requests to draw on the Reserve Fund. For 1971 the Reserve Fund was set in Article 5 at $55,000 and thanks to the excellent co-operation of the various department heads, realistic budgeting, and a monthly check on cash flow by the Warrant Committee, the Town ended the year with a substantial balance left in the Reserve Fund which was then closed out into the Overlay Reserve Account. Below by departments are the actual transfers during 1971 from the Reserve Fund.

Selectmen	$2,782.00
Ambulance	1,125.00
Gasoline	2,800.00
Sealer	45.00
Premium Account	91.04
Accounting	1,695.00
Police	14,338.88
Recreation	128.00
Parks	890.00
Fire	7,768.96
Law	1,000.00
Building Inspector	250.00
	32,913.88

There are two other Funds that this year will have favorable influence on the tax rate.

The first is called the Overlay Reserve Account. Every year the Assessors designate a sum of money which has to be set aside to cover abatements, uncollected taxes, and judgments. At the end of each year the Assessors release from this Fund those amounts not used to cover any of the designated expenses and not necessary to keep in reserve for contingent claims. This year there will be available from the Overlay Account $87,600 which is substantially less than lst year. Below is a comparison of the amounts available from the Overlay Account over the last five years.

1968	53,796.38
1969	34,329.71
1970	146,538.89
1971	112,935.00
1972	87,600.33

The Third account or Fund is known as the Excess and Deficiency Fund. As its name implies, any excess money as a result of appropriations for department budgets or special articles that is not expended and not carried over for some specific purpose are returned to the Excess and Deficiency Fund. All money collected by the Town on insurance proceeds and fees go into the Excess and Deficiency Fund. Money can only be drawn out of this Fund in the event of a declaration of an emergency and special approval from the State authorities, except that at Town Meeting, the Town may use that amount certified as "free cash" by the Director of Accounts of the Department of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to pay for amounts appropriated at the Town Meeting. This year the State has certified as "free cash" $122,515 which is a decrease from last. year. This money will be used to pay in part for the sums appropriated in Article 5. Below is a comparision of the amounts of "free cash" for the last five years. Also listed below is a schedule showing transfers from department budgets to the Excess and Deficiency Fund as of December 31, 1971.

FREE CASH

1968	52,427.00
1969	118,552.00
1970	158,940.00
1971	194,475.00
1972	122,515.00

Departmental Balances Returned to the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Selectmen	302.66
Treasurer	17.15
Assessors	612.76
Warrant Committee	27.00
Town Clerk	7.77
Law	124.41
Police	400.00

Fire	34.00
Engineering	1,187.93
Planning Board	1,045.95
Personnel Board	409.78
Board of Appeals	53.75
Building Inspector	34.19
Dog Officer	22.72
Ambulance	110.19
Health	2,416.23
Public Works	6,636.53
Mallard Drive	74.00
West Side Drive	75.00
Street Lighting	1,765.44
Veterans' Benefits	2,849.16
School	33,279.13
Vocational Tuition	192.55
Library	1,475.32
Parks	27.07
Recreation	3.13
Beach Docks	23.56
Community Center	21.68
Town Reports	339.48
Retirements	2,788.14
Community Celebrations	82.53
Insurance	312.11
Gasoline	534.54
East Foxboro Water	1.72
Veterans' Graves	14.80
Interest	18,922.31
	76,224.69

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

	1971 (Actual)	1972 (Estimated)
Motor Vehicle Trailer Excise	$ 408,105.00	$ 410,000
Licenses	296.00	300
General Government	9,210.00	9,200
Protection of Persons & Property	18,045.00	18,000
Health & Sanitation	16,219.00	16,200
Highways	661.00	700
Veterans' Services	15,393.00	15,400
Library	4,075.00	4,000
Recreation	21,955.00	22,000
Water Division	110,577.00	111,000
Interest	33,062.00	33,000
Unclassified	1,350.00	1,300
Local Aid Fund School Related & Other *	1,299,715.00	1,300,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	$1,938,663.00	$ 1,941,100
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		
Overlay Reserve	$ 111,916.00	$ 87,600
Free Cash	144,475.00	122,515
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE CREDITED	$2,195,054.00	$ 2,151,215
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY	4,781,686.00	5,239,401
TOTAL VALUATION	119,522,152.00	120,000,000
TAX RATE	40.00	44

* Includes $63,500 School Building Assistance received in 1972.

WARRANT COMMITTEE'S COMPUTATION OF ESTIMATED RATE FOR 1972

	1971 (Actual)		1972 (Estimated)	
1971 figures shown for comparison Town Operating Budget (Article 5)	$6,289,388.00		$6,700.020	
Special Articles (as recommended by Warrant Committee)	240,917.00		189,579	
Warrant Articles		$6,530,305.00		$6,889,599
State: Tax & Assessment				
1. State Parks & Reservations	21,470.00		21,500	
2. State Audit of Municipal Account	84.00		100	
3. Motor Vehicle Billing	1,285.00		1,300	
4. Metropolitan Area Planning Control	907.00		1,000	
5. Mass. Bay Transportation Authority	90,000.00		100,000	
6. State Assessment System	495.00		500	
7. Mosquito Control	12,270.00		13,000	
8. Lunch	22,676.00		23,000	
9. Library	2,517.00		2,517	
10. Racial Imbalance	40,595.00	192,299.00	40,600	203,517
County: Tax & Assessment				
1. County Tax	78,559.00		80,000	
2. County Hospital	2,100.00	80,659.00	2,500	82,500
Assessors' Overlay of Current Year	214,947.00	214,947.00	215,000	215,000
Unpaid Accounts	323.00	323.00	000	000
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		$7,018,533.00		$7,390,616

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